

I DON'T
WANT
TO BE A
BURDEN.

DON'T
WANT
TO BE
HATED.

BECAUSE

SEE



A person wearing a light blue shirt and dark pants stands on a large, dark, textured heart shape. The heart is set against a light, hazy background with some faint, blurry shapes at the bottom. The text "I WANT TO BE NEEDED BY SOMEONE." is written in a stylized, outlined font across the middle of the heart.

I WANT
TO BE
NEEDED BY
SOMEONE.

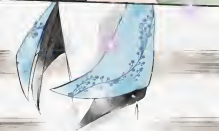




MELTS WITH
LIGHT AND
WISTERIA.

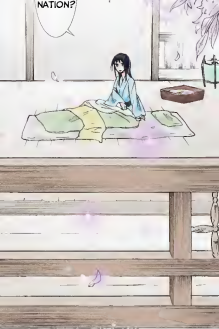


AH,
WHAT A
KIND
COLOR.



JUST
MY
IMAGI-

NATION?



*Ko
chou
no
ji*
*7th
Night*

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TL & Edit: amplified
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GO-

GOOD
MORNING.





!

DO
YOU NEED
HELP?

NO, IT'S
OKAY. I'M
ALMOST
DONE.



Looks
around





IF YOU'RE
LOOKING
FOR SHIRO,
HE'S STILL
ASLEEP.

I
see.

I
THOUGHT HE
WAS LOOKING
AT THE WISTE-
RIA OUTSIDE
MY ROOM...

IT WAS
JUST MY
IMAGINATION,
IT SEEMS.

The
wisteria
is really
wonderful!

THE
WISTERIA?

BUT
HE HATES
THEM.



SO IT REALLY
WAS MY
IMAGINATION.

WELL,
YOU CAN'T
REALLY EQUATE
INTEREST WITH
FONDNESS...

OH, MAYBE
HE WANTED
TO TAKE A
LOOK AT YOUR
SLEEPING
FACE?

WHA-?!?

are
you-

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(AHHA)

SO,
HAVE YOU
DECIDED ON
WHERE YOU
WILL BE
LIVING?



YES.

**I WOULD
APPRECIATE
IT IF**

**YOU CAN
INTRODUCE
ME SOME-
WHERE.**



OH,
DEAR.

I THOUGHT
HAVING
A GOOD
NIGHT'S
SLEEP WILL
CLEAR HER
HEAD.

NERVOUS-
NESS ISN'T
NARROWING
HER FIELD OF
VISION.

RATHER,

THIS IS
SIMPLY HER
PERSONALITY.

SHIROGANE IS
NOT A PATIENT
AND TOLERANT
GUY.

BUT
HE WAITED
FOR ME TO
COME,

DIDN'T
HE?

...EVEN
SO

ANYMORE THAN
THIS IS...





HMM,
HOW
OBSTI-
NATE.

WHY DOESN'T
SHE KNOW HOW
TO RELY ON
OTHERS...?

WELL

I DOUBT
ANYTHING
I SAY WILL
CHANGE
HER MIND.

12.



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SHIROGANE-
SAN SAID HE'D
EXPLAIN TO ME
HOW THINGS
WORK IN THIS
TOWN ON THE
WAY TO THE
SHOP

SO I'LL
FOLLOW
HIM...

OKAY,
I'LL GO
WITH YOU.

WE'LL
PASS BY THE
PLACE I'LL
INTRODUCE
YOU TO.

OH

I HAVE TO
GO OUT FOR
A BIT





SO WAIT
FOR ME TO
COME BACK,
OKAY~

EH

H-

HAVE
A SAFE
TRIP...

So
fast

.....



(SIT)

170
7,

IT'S
BEEN A
WHILE SINCE
I HAVE NO-
THING TO
DO...

WHAT
PERIOD
IS IT
NOW?

IT'S A BUSY
TIME FOR
THE STUDENT
COUNCIL, BUT
I'M NOT THERE
TO HELP

EVEN THOUGH
WE'VE ACCEPTED
A MOUNTAIN OF
MISCELLANEOUS
WORK

EVERYONE

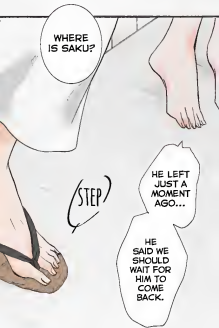
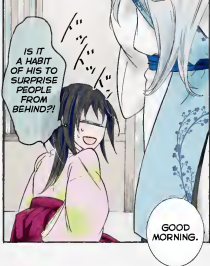
NO,
I'VE CAST
AWAY MY
LIFE AS A
HUMAN-

ARE
YOU STILL
ASLEEP?

SURPRISED

G-

GOOD
MO-





HE
SAID

HE WILL
INTRODUCE
ME TO A PLACE
WHERE I CAN
BE A LIVE-IN
EMPLOYEE.

?

YOU
CAN JUST
STAY AT MY
PLACE.





!

AS IF
IT'S THE
MOST
NATURAL
THING

THEY
SPEAK
KIND
WORDS.

EVERYONE
IS REALLY

KIND.





THANK
YOU, BUT

I DON'T
WANT TO
BURDEN YOU
ANYMORE
THAN THIS.

I'LL
REPAY YOU
SOMEHOW
WITH SOME-
THING I CA-

SMACK

Gyaa

?!
?



?



ARE
YOU AWAKE
NOW?

WHAT
YOU ARE
SHOWING
IS NOT
MODESTY.

IT'S
SERVILITY.





**SAY
IT.**



WHAT

IS ON
YOUR
MIND
RIGHT
NOW?

to be continued